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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding antimicrobial resistance (AMR) services within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

1. Do you have a named individual in place responsible for your local antimicrobial stewardship programme?

Susanne Lynch, Head of Medicines Management, and Dr Anna Ferguson, Clinical Lead GP.

2. Has your CCG fully implemented all components of the RCGP TARGET Antibiotics Toolkit?

Yes. Every GP practice in NHS South Sefton CCG has had two antimicrobial audits completed this year with peer review of results. A presentation using the TARGET resources has been presented to every practice. Prescribing data is monitored and shared with prescribers. Patient leaflets are utilised by practices and posters are up in waiting areas.

3. Has your CCG fully implemented NICE Guideline 15 on Antimicrobial Stewardship?

Baseline audit completed jointly with the Local Authority to inform joint AMR strategy. Further work on sharing resistance information to be undertaken.

4. What plans does your CCG have to implement C-Reactive Protein Point of Care testing within your local area?

One practice in South Sefton has piloted the use and the results and further use to be considered as part of the joint CCG and local authority AMR action plan.